

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A method of washing laundry in a washing machine having a rotatable tub and a detergent reservoir containing detergent, the method comprising:
loading laundry into the tub;
making a monetary payment to the machine corresponding to a selected quantity of detergent to be used during a wash cycle of the machine;
starting the machine operation;
automatically transferring the selected quantity of detergent from the reservoir to the tub during the wash cycle of the machine.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the payment is made with coins or currency.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the payment is made with a debit card.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the selected quantity of detergent is less than the volume of the reservoir.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the detergent is transferred to the tub by pumping.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising making a second monetary payment to the machine corresponding to a selected quantity of a laundry additive to be used during the operation of the machine.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the additive is fabric softener.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the additive is bleach.

Claim 9 (Original): A washing machine, comprising:
a tub for holding laundry to be washed;
a detergent reservoir for holding detergent;
a control panel to control operation of the machine;
a monetary payment means operatively connected to the control panel to sense a monetary payment to the machine; and
a pump operatively connected to the payment means and to the detergent reservoir to automatically pump a selected quantity of detergent from the reservoir to the tub, the selected quantity corresponding to the monetary payment.

Claim 10 (Original): The washing machine of claim 9 wherein the payment means includes a coin sensor.

Claim 11 (Original): The washing machine of claim 9 wherein the payment means includes a currency sensor.

Claim 12 (Original): The washing machine of claim 9 wherein the payment means includes a debit card reader.

Claim 13 (Original): The washing machine of claim 9 wherein the payment means includes a coin operated switch.

Claim 14 (Original): The washing machine of claim 9 wherein the reservoir holds sufficient detergent for multiple wash cycles of the machine.

Claim 15 (Original): The washing machine of claim 9 further comprising an additive reservoir and an additive pump operatively connected to the payment means to automatically transfer a selected quantity of laundry additive to the tub corresponding to a second monetary payment.